

FACT SHEET ON THE OLD-AGE, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

A. BENEFICIARIES IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, JUNE 30, 2009

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries [In thousands]	Monthly rate [In millions]	Average monthly amount
Total	51,859	\$54,932	^a
Retired workers and their family members, total	35,942	39,933	^a
Retired workers	33,027	38,271	\$1,159
Spouses	2,358	1,347	571
Children	557	316	568
Survivors of deceased workers, total	6,442	6,340	^a
Children	1,935	1,445	747
Widowed mothers and fathers with child beneficiaries in their care . . .	158	132	834
Aged widow(er)s, and aged parents.	4,118	4,606	1,118
Disabled widow(er)s	231	158	683
Disabled workers and their family members, total	9,475	8,658	^a
Disabled workers	7,593	8,065	1,062
Spouses	157	45	285
Children	1,725	548	318

^a Since the benefit amounts for workers and for the various types of family members and survivors are based on different proportions of the worker's benefit, average monthly amounts for groups of these different kinds of beneficiaries are not meaningful.

B. SELECTED CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES (INCLUDED ABOVE) IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, JUNE 30, 2009

Type of benefit	Number of beneficiaries [In thousands]	Monthly rate [In millions]
Disabled beneficiaries (OASDI)—Workers, disabled children aged 18 and over, and disabled widow(er)s	8,733	\$8,836
Children (OASDI)	4,217	2,309
Student children	166	109
Disabled children aged 18 and over	908	614
Children under age 18	3,143	1,587
Survivor children and widowed mothers and fathers	2,093	1,576
Beneficiaries aged 62 and over (OASDI)	41,043	45,952
Beneficiaries aged 65 and over (OASDI)	36,239	40,973

C. AVERAGE MONTHLY FAMILY BENEFITS IN CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS, JUNE 30, 2009

Selected family ^a group	Number of families [In thousands]	Average family benefit	Average number of beneficiaries per family
Retired worker alone.	30,310	\$1,146	1.000
Retired worker and spouse, aged 62 and over	2,243	1,884	2.000
Disabled worker, spouse under full retirement age, and 1 or more children	72	1,793	3.959
Widowed parent and 2 children .	50	2,372	3.000
Children of deceased worker ^b . .	1,170	983	1.330
Aged widow(er) alone	3,936	1,118	1.000

^a A family means beneficiaries entitled on one worker's account.

^b In most cases, the family includes a widowed parent whose benefits are withheld due to earnings.

D. MEASURES OF PROTECTION

1. Coverage

About 159 million people will work in OASDI-covered employment in 2009.

About 94 percent of workers in paid employment and self-employment are covered under the OASDI program.

2. Benefit receipt among the elderly

As of June 30, 2009, about 90 percent of the population aged 65 and over were receiving benefits.

3. Protection for survivors of young workers

About 97 percent of persons aged 20-49 who worked in covered employment in 2008 have acquired survivorship protection for their children under age 18 (and surviving spouses caring for children under age 16).

4. Disability protection

About 91 percent of persons aged 21-64 who worked in covered employment in 2008 can count on monthly cash benefits if they suffer a severe and prolonged disability.

E. OPERATIONS OF OASI AND DI TRUST FUNDS, COMBINED

[In billions]

	Calendar year 2008	Fiscal year 2008	Cumulative 1937 through end of—	
			Calendar year 2008	Fiscal year 2008
Income	\$805.3	\$802.7	\$13,058.7	\$12,849.4
Contributions	672.1	671.2	11,570.4	11,423.3
Other	133.2	131.5	1,488.3	1,426.1
Expenditures	625.1	617.0	10,640.1	10,483.1
Benefit payments .	615.3	607.2	10,422.1	10,266.6
OASI	509.3	503.0	9,041.4	8,912.7
DI	106.0	104.2	1,380.7	1,353.9
Other	9.8	9.8	218.0	216.6
Assets, end of period	2,418.7	2,366.3	2,418.7	2,366.3

Note: Totals may not equal the sums of rounded components.

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